

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

THAILA SCHUG HONORED FOR HER GOLD MEDAL ACHIEVEMENT IN THE 2012 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA COMPETITION

HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Thaila Schug for her dedication to proving and showing patriotism in her community.

Thaila's essay was entered into competition by Unit 14, and she won the 2012 American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida gold medal for Class III (7th and 8th grade). Thaila wrote the winning essay, on the topic of "How Can I Show My Patriotism in My Community", while she was an eighth grader at St. Paul's Catholic School in St. Petersburg, Florida.

I want to express to my colleagues how very excited I am for Thaila and her tremendous accomplishment. She is a superb example of the student leaders developing in the 13th District of Florida, which I have the privilege to represent. It is with great pride that I congratulate her on this great occasion.

When you think of a patriotic deed, what do you think of? You may believe it's sacrificing your life in war or standing up for your belief and pride in our country, but our lives have been influenced by patriotism even in our own communities. American pride is American duty and only we can sustain that. Since our own people make it possible to celebrate America as it is today, we need to represent what we are in the action we undertake.

In my community, the simple actions are the most memorable. Patriotism in my community is shown by saying the Pledge of Allegiance every day before school and stopping to acknowledge the National Anthem at sports events and saluting and thanking those in our country who have served in the Army. Not only can these be ways to show one's patriotism, but I can show the pride I have in my country by collecting food and donations for the Salvation Army or by even giving clothes or help to those families who are struggling. In addition, folding the American flag at the end of school and singing the National Anthem before participation in sports are also ways that we can show our patriotism in our community. Also, many people in my community get together once a year to see football games like Army versus Navy. Just by showing your support for our troops in this way shows your appreciation for our country in a way you enjoy. It doesn't have to be an action you don't want to do. If you enjoy baking, you can give your neighbor cupcakes with American flags on top for Fourth of July or if your passion is playing an instrument, play for those who want to listen.

Not only can you show your patriotism in these ways, one way I showed my patriotism is when I went to my mother's work to see

our returning troops come home from war. It was so touching to see what people did for freedom, but what I didn't realize is that other workers were looking toward me with disbelief that I was there showing my country that I respect and thank our troops for every day they had served. Just by showing up, I revealed my patriotism to those returning home and to me that was the best way I could have shown it.

TRIBUTE TO ALVIN KEITH TERRY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues here in the House of Representatives to join me as I rise to pay tribute to Alvin Keith Terry, posthumously, and the many contributions he has made as a dedicated citizen of Essex County and a committed professional to the improvement of healthcare for the people of Newark and the surrounding area.

Alvin spent more than 30 years at the University of Medicine and Dentistry (UMDNJ), rising to the role of Business Manager at the medical center. A product of the Newark Public Schools and a graduate of East Orange High School, Alvin later attended both Kean and Rutgers University. As a student and later as a young professional, Alvin's work ethic and keen sensibility to financial management laid the foundation for a career in business and for a long and impressive career at UMDNJ, working his way up through the ranks to become a chief executive at UMDNJ.

Alvin's career serves as a shining example to his children, his family and others, a myriad of ways to contribute to healthcare, aside from a career as a physician, nurse or clinical professional. Alvin's work and commitment contributed to UMDNJ, remaining not just in the community, but of the community. Alvin and my family, particularly my father, The Honorable Donald M. Payne, Sr., shared a love and commitment to healthcare and to UMDNJ. My father, and I at his side, hosted several Health and Wellness Expos at UMDNJ. My father's goal, my goal, and Alvin's goal was to ensure the very best in healthcare was available for the people of Newark and Essex County.

We salute Alvin and the Terry family, including his brother, Darrell K. Terry, Chief Operating Officer of Newark Beth Israel Medical Center and Children's Hospital of New Jersey and a former UMDNJ employee, who, along with many members of the Terry family, continue to make healthcare a career of choice and commitment. Under the tutelage of Alvin, the oldest Terry brother, the Terry family continues to have a pivotal role on healthcare in Essex County and in Newark. Alvin's imprint has left an indelible mark on healthcare in Newark and Essex County. On behalf of the people of Essex County and certainly the people of Newark, we are grateful. Thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I know my fellow members of the House of Representatives agree that Alvin Keith Terry, has been an integral part of the growth and development of UMDNJ, and healthcare in general, serving the people of Essex County and particularly, the people of Newark. This tribute recognizes his life's work, namely a stellar career and a personal commitment to improve the lives of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I missed my connecting flight into Washington yesterday afternoon. As a result, I was absent from the House floor during last night's three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H.R. 588, H.R. 291, and H.R. 507.

VIETNAM VETERANS DONOR
ACKNOWLEDGMENT ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 6, 2013

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 588, the Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013. This legislation will permit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to display and recognize donor contributions at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center. Other memorials located on the National Mall, including the MLK Memorial and FDR Memorial, include engraved walls of donors. By allowing recognition of major donors at the Visitor Center, this will allow the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to reach its goal of raising \$95 million in private funds to complete construction of the Education Center at the Wall.

It is in our national interest to make sure there is a place to properly honor the fallen and pay the proper respects to all Americans who so proudly display the values of honor, service and duty by wearing our country's uniform. The Education Center at The Wall will be just that place. Passing this legislation will help fulfill our responsibility to ensure that future generations understand the tremendous sacrifices made by those who have answered the nation's call to duty for more than 200 years, as well as the living legacy of service carried forward by today's military.

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A TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA
ARASIM—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPI-
ENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Christina Arasim, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Christina are able to make higher education possible.

Christina's father, David Arasim, works in the Delivery Department of Meenan Oil Company. I greatly admire Christina's hard work at Pennsbury High School and her aspirations to study earth & mineral sciences. With her work ethic, I am sure Christina will be successful in whatever career she chooses.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Christina Arasim and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

HONORING THE GRADUATES FROM
DUVAL COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS WHO HAVE ENLISTED
IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the young men and women who will be graduating from the Duval County Public Schools and who have volunteered to enlist in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Florida National Guard. These young people are Our Nation's Future.

Northeast Florida is proud of its military heritage and takes great pride in recognizing our youth who have stepped forward to carry on military traditions and take their turns at the watch, whether aboard a ship, on land or in the air.

By joining the ranks of our Armed Forces, these volunteers have demonstrated leadership potential and perseverance while seeking to serve our country. They join a select team whose job is to protect our Nation. They have dedicated themselves to an awesome responsibility.

Our area is home to The Players Championship and so it is fitting that the Our Community Salutes program has chosen to honor our newest military members on Military Appreciation Day at the home of the Tournament Players Championship on May 8, 2013. The world's famous golfers will all be assembled and the world will watch. But the accomplishments on the fairways and greens pale in comparison to the heroics of the small, elite group of Americans who protect our country every day around the globe.

Becoming a member of the Armed Forces is a very impressive and important goal. I know I join other Members when I congratulate each of these young people on their commitment. Our communities and our country will be enriched by their service.

As they proceed with their military careers, each will carry the valuable self-knowledge and discipline that they have gained from their families and our community and use these traits to continue to serve.

It is my honor to bring these young people who have volunteered to serve our country in the Armed Forces and Our Northeast Florida Community Salutes program to the attention of the United States Congress and to invite Members to join me in extending our thanks and congratulations.

A TRIBUTE TO CINDY ROTH

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cindy Roth as she receives the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award on May 9th in recognition of her leadership and service as President and CEO of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce. Cindy Roth's extraordinary dedication and service has greatly enriched our beloved community of Riverside.

Cindy began her service out of high school when she entered a work experience program with then-Senator Bob Presley. She later worked as a receptionist at the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce during her studies at Riverside Community College. When Cindy's mentor former President and Riverside City Councilman Art Pick passed away in 1999, Cindy was selected as President.

Under her leadership, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce has expanded to become the third largest Chamber in Southern California, comprising 1,300 businesses, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals. She has also reached out to women business owners and encouraged their involvement with the local community.

In addition to her work with the Chamber, Cindy is deeply involved with the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, the Foundation Board of Trustees for La Sierra University, and the Honorary Commanders of March Field. Her dedication was honored in 2003 as she was named Woman of the Year by Assemblyman John Benoit.

Mr. Speaker, Cindy's talent and leadership exemplify the best of Riverside. Our community is a more prosperous place because of the commitment and dedication of Cindy Roth, and I congratulate her on this prestigious and well-deserved award.

ROYDA KIMBALL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and applaud Royda Kimball on her retirement from the Colorado State Capitol.

Royda began her career in 1974 when she was hired by Comfort Shaw, the Secretary of the Senate. Her journey at the Colorado State Capitol would take her from a Telephone Messenger to Chief Assignable Clerk. She is beloved by all who had the fortune to work with her over the years.

Royda kept the wheels of government greased by keeping bills and amendments up to date and organizing elected officials so they could do a better job for the citizens of Colorado. She was nicknamed fondly the "Warden of the Senate." More importantly, Royda never let her own political beliefs get in the way. She treated both sides of the aisle with respect.

I had the good fortune to work with Royda Kimball during my time in the Colorado State Senate and I know she will be dearly missed. Once again, I congratulate Royda on her retirement. I have no doubt she will bring the same character, devotion and passion to all of her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO COLIN LANGAN—
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOL-
ARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Colin Langan, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Colin are able to make higher education possible.

Colin's father, Thomas Langan, works in the Delivery Department of Canada Dry. I greatly admire Colin's hard work at Central Bucks High School South and his aspirations to study pre-med. With his work ethic, I am sure Colin will achieve his dream of one day becoming an Orthopedic Doctor.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Colin Langan and his commitment to his community and studies that enabled him to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

RECOGNIZING MORRIS L. RASCOE

HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the retirement of Morris L. Rascoe, a devoted public servant who worked for 36 years in service to the First Congressional District of North Carolina.

A North Carolina native, Mr. Rascoe graduated from Bertie High School in 1973 and matriculated to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) University in Greensboro, NC where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work in 1977. Mr. Rascoe is also a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Rascoe began his career in public service as a social worker within the Bertie County Department of Social Services. While there, he worked to improve the quality of life for families in his eastern North Carolina community. Mr. Rascoe's exemplary 10-year service helped promote him to the position of Director of the Department of Social Services. Remarkably, during his tenure at the helm Mr. Rascoe was also appointed as Assistant County Manager of Bertie County, a position which he held simultaneously while he led the Department of Social Services.

After nine years, Mr. Rascoe was promoted to interim County Manager. In this role, Mr. Rascoe continued to display exceptional character and due diligence. In 2012, the Bertie Board of Commissioners confirmed Mr. Rascoe as the County Manager.

As Secretary of the Choanoke Area Development Association Board, past Chair of the Choanoke Public Transportation Authority Board, Commissioner of the State Personnel Commission Board, and Parliamentarian of the Workforce Development Board, Mr. Rascoe continues his commitment to the community. Mr. Rascoe was inducted into the North Carolina Community Actions Hall of Fame and was also named a NAACP Outstanding Citizen by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Mr. Speaker, next month Mr. Rascoe will retire from public service. For 36 years, the people of North Carolina have been fortunate to call him a friend and ally. I am honored to congratulate Mr. Rascoe on his retirement, and ask my colleagues to join me in thanking him for his service to the people of North Carolina.

IN HONOR OF INDIANA GOVERNOR
OTIS "DOC" BOWEN

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of former Indiana Governor Otis "Doc" Bowen, who passed away on the evening of Saturday, May 4, 2013.

I remember Doc Bowen as one of the first "former" public figures I met on the campaign trail, running for the third highest office in the Hoosier state, Indiana's Secretary of State, as a 30-year-old. In my mind, he always embraced my words when he was in the audience, although now I am sure that was just Doc trying to encourage one of the young guys in the party. He knew the struggles, not just of Indiana, but of Indiana Republicans, in particular.

While I was Secretary of State, he regularly dropped by my office when visiting the Statehouse, "to check on the young guy." I so greatly appreciated learning from him.

One of hardest conversations I have ever had in politics was with Governor Bowen. He was pitching a candidate for Governor and I had earlier decided to support a different man. Doc Bowen made it very difficult for me that day. He did it, not with threats and guilt trips that are all-too-often the norm in politics, but with honesty and class. It would be a high achievement in our politics today if those in the statehouse and Washington even pre-

tended to emulate the ways of Doc Bowen. All in public life would do well to follow his example.

Doc Bowen was a model public servant who dedicated his life to serving Hoosiers, and our State is stronger because of it. I join Hoosiers from across the State in giving thanks for his life and his service.

TRIBUTE TO CINDY ROTH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the community of Riverside, California are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Cindy Roth is one of these individuals. On May 9, 2013, Cindy will be honored with the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award for her service as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Cindy's relationship with the Chamber began through a work experience program after working under then-Senator Bob Presley out of high school. She later worked for the Chamber as a receptionist while attending Riverside Community College. Soon, she was taken under the wing of the Chamber's former President and Riverside City Councilman, Art Pick. When Pick died in 1999, the selection committee selected Cindy as President.

Under Cindy's leadership, the Chamber has actively promoted and supported the community, fostered growth among its members and engaged federal, state and local representatives to become the third largest Chamber in southern California and the eighth largest in the state. It is currently composed of over 1,300 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals. Following in the footsteps of her predecessor, she has also reached out to women business owners and encouraged them to get involved in the local economy.

Cindy's dedication is not only to local business, but also to the wider community. She serves with numerous organizations, including the Monday Morning Group of Western Riverside County, the Science and Technology Education Partnership, the Raincross Exchange Club, the Foundation Board of Trustees for La Sierra University, and the Honorary Commanders of March Field. She has received the 1996 Community Service Award from the Rotary Club of Arlington, the 2000 Athena of the Inland Valleys Award, and was previously honored as the 2003 Woman of the Year by Assemblyman John Benoit.

I have come to know Cindy well through many years working together on a variety of projects in Riverside, and it has been an honor to work with her on behalf of the community. I can personally attest to Cindy's incredible work-ethic, professionalism and positive attitude. Throughout her career, Cindy has been supported by her husband, California State Senator Gen. Richard Roth, USAF and her daughter, an alumnus of the University of California, Riverside.

In light of all Cindy has done for Riverside, the Mission Inn Foundation will honor her with the Frank Miller Civic Achievement Award at the historic Mission Inn in Riverside. Cindy's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of Riverside County. She has been the heart and soul of many community organizations and events and I am proud to call her a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many are grateful for her service and salute her as she receives this prestigious award.

HONORING CHANCELLOR ROBERT
J. BIRGENEAU

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Robert J. Birgeneau as he steps down from nearly a decade of service to the University of California, Berkeley as chancellor. Chancellor Birgeneau's transformative leadership at UC Berkeley has added tremendously to its role as the world's premier public research and teaching university. Therefore, I join our community in celebrating the many ways in which his tenure has contributed to the success, insight, and well-being of countless people throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

Tasked with the challenge of guiding UC Berkeley through one of the most challenging financial periods in its 145-year history, Chancellor Birgeneau worked to ensure that the school's hallmark qualities of inclusion and excellence continued to thrive. His tenure oversaw a breadth of achievement, including three Nobel Prizes and the dream of financial aid for undocumented California students.

An internationally distinguished physicist who was the first in his family to graduate from high school, Chancellor Birgeneau was appointed as UC Berkeley's ninth chancellor in 2004. Since then, he has launched the largest fundraising campaign in UC Berkeley's history—raising more than \$2.4 billion to date. He helped create one of academia's first 10-year strategic plans for a Division of Equity & Inclusion and fostered multidisciplinary campus connections to work on pressing social issues, resulting in the Berkeley Energy and Climate Institute; the Energy Biosciences Institute; the Li Ka Shing Center for Biomedical and Health Sciences; and the Richard C. Blum Center for Developing Economies.

Additionally, Chancellor Birgeneau's tireless advocacy played a leadership role in the successful passage of the California DREAM Act. A vocal proponent for fair access to public higher education amidst difficult state funding cuts and rising tuition, Chancellor Birgeneau championed Pell Grants and put in place a groundbreaking financial aid plan for middle-income families. He also took up the cause of students who are former foster children, and upon winning the 2008 Academic Leadership Award from the Carnegie Corporation, gave \$50,000 of his prize to seed an endowment fund for UC Berkeley students from the foster care system.

Chancellor Birgeneau's numerous accolades and associations include the 2009 Pathfinders

to Peace Prize from the Shinnyo-en Foundation, White House recognition, and being one of six academic leaders tapped by President Obama to create the national Advanced Manufacturing Partnership. His plan to remain at UC Berkeley to teach and conduct research is certainly welcome news. Chancellor Birgeneau's wise guidance, influence, and example has set the course for UC Berkeley's continued status as one of the world's most celebrated public institutions.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. Robert J. Birgeneau, I salute you for your outstanding service to higher education. I congratulate and thank you for your unparalleled legacy as a passionate and effective steward of the University of California, Berkeley. You have touched many lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you and your loved ones continued success and happiness in this new chapter.

PEGGY HALDERMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and applaud Peggy Halderman for receiving national recognition for her efforts to feed the hungry in Golden, Colorado.

April 5, 2013 the White House honored twelve Rotary International members from around the country as "Champions of Change." I am proud to say Peggy Halderman is one of the Rotarians to receive this honor.

When Peggy learned over more than nine hundred children participated in the Free/Reduced Lunch program in Golden area schools and did not have adequate food on weekends, she decided to do something. Collaborating with her Rotary club, the mayor and city council the Backpack program was born. In its fifth year it has grown to feed over five hundred and twenty children every weekend of the school year. Peggy is currently expanding the program to provide food year round.

Peggy Halderman truly exemplifies the Rotary Club Motto of "Service above Self." Her outstanding dedication to our community's children will pay benefits to our citizens for years to come.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Peggy Halderman for this well deserved recognition from the White House. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO LINDSEY GIBBS—
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Lindsey Gibbs, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults

throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Lindsey are able to make higher education possible.

Lindsey's father, Christopher Gibbs, works in the Operations Department of PBC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Lindsey's hard work at Little Flower High School and her aspirations to study health administration and pre-law. With her work ethic, I am sure Lindsey will achieve her dream of one day becoming a lawyer.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Lindsey Gibbs for her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. LINDA T. SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, 98 years ago, the world suffered its first deliberate act of systematic mass murder of people of one culture by another. With this, the unspeakable horror of genocide was born.

The massacre and mistreatment of one and-a-half million Armenians in the final years of the Ottoman Empire shows the incredible depths of inhumanity that the human race can sink.

Out of this wretched episode of history, we, as human beings, have made a determined effort to move beyond hatred and to prevent similar tragedies from happening in the future.

We are morally obligated to learn from the lapses of the human soul that caused the Armenian Genocide. We are morally obligated to make sure that we do all that we can to protect all oppressed, vulnerable, and subjugated peoples.

I want to express my sympathy to the survivors and descendants of the Armenian Genocide. I hope we can all take time to reflect on this solemn day of remembrance.

As we commemorate this somber anniversary, it's also important that we recognize the resiliency of the Armenian people. Armenia has been a great champion of freedom and democracy. I expect our two nations will continue to build strong commercial ties and support peace and stability in the region.

I am proud to consistently co-sponsor resolutions affirming the U.S. record on the Armenian Genocide. Our policy should appropriately reflect understanding and sensitivity concerning issues related to the Armenian Genocide. This should be documented in the United States record.

RECOGNIZING BROTHER RONALD
GALLAGHER

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise

today to recognize Brother Ronald Gallagher, *Fratres Scholarum Christianarum* (F.S.C.), Ph.D., as he prepares to retire as President of St. Mary's College of California in Moraga and to commend him for his outstanding service to the St. Mary's students, faculty and to our community as a whole.

A Native Californian, Brother Ronald Gallagher spent his formative years in Santa Cruz and Bakersfield, and then joined the Christian Brothers after graduating from Mont La Salle High School in Napa. After graduating from Saint Mary's College in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts in English, Brother Ronald received an Master of Arts in comparative literature from San Francisco State University and earned his doctorate in comparative literature from the University of Washington.

Prior to assuming the college presidency, Brother Ronald was a member of the English Department. His teaching specialties include 19th and 20th Century Anglo-Irish Literature, the modern novel, and the history and culture of Ireland. His passion for Irish literature began when he read James Joyce's "Ulysses" during his senior year at Saint Mary's. In recent years, he has led several groups of students on tours of the historical and cultural sites of Ireland.

From 1993 to 1997, Brother Ronald was Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University, where he oversaw administration, development, finance and academics. As the leader of a Catholic university in the deeply divided Middle East, he responded to formidable challenges by forging strong regional and global support for the school. Enlisting the help of many countries, individuals, groups, international aid agencies and the Vatican, Brother Ronald was able to raise the funds necessary for Bethlehem University to fulfill its educational mission among the economically disadvantaged Palestinian community.

In his role as Secretary General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome from 1997 to 2001, Brother Ronald organized the 43rd General Chapter, an international assembly that produced a seven-year global strategic plan for Lasallian educators.

Brother Ronald Gallagher, F.S.C., Ph.D., became the 28th President of Saint Mary's College of California on Jan. 2, 2005. A seasoned educator, he is deeply devoted to the College's Catholic, Lasallian and liberal arts traditions and is committed to promoting the values of those traditions among students, faculty, staff and friends of Saint Mary's.

In addition to leading St. Mary's College, Brother Ronald has served as President of the International Association of Lasallian Universities, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Independent Catholic Colleges and Universities (AICCU), a member of the Board of Directors for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), on the Executive Board of Directors of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU), and he is the Chair of the West Coast Conference (WCC) President's Council. Throughout his career, Brother Ronald has also been a strong supporter of intercollegiate and recreational athletics at Saint Mary's College.

Mr. Speaker, I invite this chamber to join me in recognizing Brother Ronald for his devoted service to Saint Mary's College of California and thank him for his unparalleled contribution to higher education. I am pleased to join

Brother Ronald's family, friends, and colleagues in congratulating him on his outstanding accomplishments during his long and highly successful career. I wish him a healthy and happy retirement and the very best in all his future endeavors.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY/ESTUARY AS A WETLANDS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues Leader PELOSI and Representatives ESHOO, GARAMENDI, HONDA, HUFFMAN, LEE, MCNERNEY, GEORGE MILLER, SPEIER, and SWALWELL to commemorate the designation of the San Francisco Bay/Estuary as a Wetland of International Importance on February 2, 2013 by the Convention on Wetlands, also known as the "Ramsar Convention".

The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty adopted in 1971 and signed by the United States in 1987. This treaty provides a voluntary framework for national action and international cooperation for the conservation and wise use of wetlands, their resources, biodiversity, and ecosystem services. Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance benefit from increased conservation status and recognition, and are part of an international conservation network that encompasses flyways and other migratory routes.

The San Francisco Bay/Estuary is the largest estuary on the Pacific Coast of the United States, encompassing approximately 1,600 square miles and is critically ecologically important, accounting for 77 percent of California's remaining perennial estuarine wetlands. It also provides for a host of social and economic values through ports and industry, agriculture, fisheries, archeological and cultural sites, recreation, and research. Unfortunately, the San Francisco Bay/Estuary today faces numerous threats and challenges from invasive species, development, pollution, sediment shortfalls, disease, disturbance to wildlife, and climate change.

The San Francisco Bay/Estuary has broad support for its conservation and restoration from a large number of federal, state, public, private organizations, and citizens who act to conserve its values. Their conservation efforts continue to pioneer strategies that are modeled, adapted, and adopted by others across the nation and beyond.

The San Francisco Bay/Estuary met or exceeded all nine Ramsar criteria on multiple counts, which refer to biodiversity measures and the presence of rare or unique wetland types, and has undoubtedly earned the global distinction of a dedicated Ramsar Wetland of International Importance:

Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in commemorating the designation of the San Francisco Bay/Estuary as an official Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, pay tribute to the dedicated stewards and activists who have worked to preserve this unique ecosystem, and support critical efforts

to ensure the health and protection of the San Francisco Bay/Estuary.

DAVID MYERS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud David Myers for being honored by the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for his outstanding service to our community.

David is President and CEO of Metro Community Provider Network. MCPN is a non-profit healthcare organization providing medical, dental, mental health, substance abuse, pharmacy and community based services to the underserved, uninsured and working families who cannot afford these services. Under David's leadership in fiscal year 2012, MCPN provided healthcare services to nearly 39,000 individuals.

David's dedication to healthcare for all is evident by his pivotal role in health insurance reform. He was one of the on the ground drivers, paving the roads ahead for the health care community. David navigates the complex issues surrounding healthcare with his dedication to partnerships and collaborations. The patients at Metro Community Provider Network are recipients of the fruits of his labor of love every day.

I am honored to congratulate David Myers on receiving this recognition from the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. I have no doubt David will exhibit the same dedication, passion and vision to all his future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO GABRIELLE BAMBERSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Gabrielle Bamberski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Gabrielle are able to make higher education possible.

Gabrielle's father, Joseph Bamberski, works in the Delivery Department of Canada Dry. I greatly admire Gabrielle's hard work at Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study forensic psychology. With her work ethic, I am sure Gabrielle will be successful in whatever career she chooses.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Gabrielle Bamberski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

HONORING LAUREL SAYER, OF IDAHO, FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF IDAHO

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Laurel Sayer, a member of my staff and one of the finest public servants I have ever met. While I am happy for Laurel that her long career as a Congressional staffer has culminated with her well-earned retirement from this body, I am equally concerned by the hole her absence will leave in my office and the challenge my remaining staff faces in filling the void.

Laurel began her service in my office not long after my election to Congress in 1998. She had served with then-Congressman Mike Crapo for several years and I consider my successful effort to lure her away from his office one of my earliest, and finest, achievements.

For the last 14 years, Laurel has been the anchor of my staff in eastern Idaho where she led my outreach efforts regarding natural resources, arts, and conservation issues. She was also my lead staffer on issues related to the Idaho National Laboratory and its talented workforce. Her compassion, insight, knowledge, and reliability were often critical to my constituents dealing with the peaks and valleys of the federal government's support for nuclear energy and the work of the laboratory.

In a district that spans almost two dozen counties and roughly half of the State of Idaho, you spend a lot of time driving back roads, visiting small communities, talking politics in farmer's fields, and marveling at the stunning geography of the American West. Laurel has always been the best traveling companion a Congressman could ask for on those long trips across the state.

We've been backpacking and fishing in the Boulder-White Colds. We've worked together to open a wheel-chair accessible trail in central Idaho and to assist Custer County in their economic development needs.

Laurel is a great advocate for the arts, and will remain so in her life after Congress. A few years ago we visited Idaho's rural communities with National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Rocco Landesman and watched Idaho's Shakespeare Festival share its talents with schoolchildren. Laurel and I have spent many hours in book stores large and small and have been in perpetual pursuit of the best chicken fried steak in Idaho. And we think we found it in Salmon, Idaho.

Laurel and I have shared a lot of laughs, many successes, a few failures, and a tremendous friendship over the past 14 years. Laurel has been loyal, fair, honest, and dependable. She has provided wise counsel, constructive criticism, and the not-so-subtle nudges those of us who work in this body need from time-to-time. She has been a fierce advocate for my priorities but the source of measured advice when things didn't go our way. In short, she has been a valued adviser, supporter, and friend for as long as I have been in Congress. What more could any of us ask of our staff?

Laurel's presence in the office and in the communities of eastern Idaho will be deeply

missed by me and by everyone who works in my office. While we are going to miss her, we are comforted by the fact that she vows to remain in the Boise area and visit us often. We're going to lean on her frequently for the same advice, constructive criticism, and gentle nudges she always offered and hope to see her regularly on the trail, in the museum, or at a play.

In closing, I would simply like to thank Laurel for her hard work, her tenacity, her good counsel, and most of all, her friendship.

HONORING MARYE L. THOMAS,
M.D.

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Marye L. Thomas as she retires from over 30 years of dedicated public service, including the last two decades as the Director of Behavioral Health Care Services for Alameda County. I join our community in celebrating the many ways in which her life's work has contributed to the success and well-being of countless people throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

Marye L. Thomas, M.D. graduated from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1965, and went on to earn her medical degree from Meharry Medical College in 1969. Upon completion of her residency at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center in 1973, Dr. Thomas accepted a position with John Hale Mental Health Services as a Senior Staff Psychiatrist. She directed a clinical team and was responsible for intake assessment, crisis intervention, individual therapy, and coordination of treatment for acute inpatients and chronically ill patients in day treatment and community care. She was promoted to the position of Assistant Director of Clinical Services in 1977. During this same year, Dr. Thomas was named in Who's Who Among Black Americans.

Her career with Alameda County began in 1978 when she accepted a position as Chief of Clinical Services for the East Oakland Community Mental Health Center. There, she was responsible for the clinical direction of the adult outpatient component of the NIMH Center with direct supervision of clinical teams, policy development and planning, and community relations. After rising through the ranks, Dr. Thomas was selected to be Director of Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS) for Alameda County in 1994.

In this vital leadership role, Dr. Thomas led the department responsible for the delivery of all publicly funded mental health, alcohol, and other drug services in the County. She oversaw a budget of \$260 million, as well as more than 3000 employees in County and community based organizations who delivered services to nearly 30,000 people each year. During her tenure, the behavioral health service system evolved from a \$58 million county operated mental health service to a more comprehensive behavioral health care system comprising nearly \$300 million. The growth spearheaded by Dr. Thomas includes a vastly expanded resource base for children's serv-

ices, the increased capacity to offer alcohol and drug services, and the opening of numerous behavioral health facilities.

With more than 20 years' experience as the physician/administrator for BHCS, Dr. Thomas has ensured the provision of high-quality services and the administration of federal, state, and local programs. Among her many accolades and professional associations, Dr. Thomas is the recipient of the 1994 Alameda County Mental Health Association Achievement Award and holds leadership positions in many community organizations.

Furthermore, as a former psychiatric social worker and founder of a mental health clinic, I've known Marye for over 35 years. She has inspired me as a fellow social worker and, for that, I am deeply grateful.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. Marye L. Thomas, I salute you for three decades of outstanding service creating a more integrated, culturally competent, and empowering system of behavioral health care in Alameda County. I congratulate and thank you for your unparalleled service to our community. You have touched many lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you and your loved ones continued happiness and prosperity in this exciting new chapter of life.

CELEBRATING OLDER AMERICANS
MONTH

HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Older Americans Month.

Every year since 1963, May has been a month to honor older Americans and highlight the value that senior citizens contribute to our communities.

Recent medical advancements are helping Americans live longer, healthier, happier lives. Those older Americans have a wealth of wisdom, energy and experience from which our communities can benefit.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2013 is "Unleash the Power of Age."

In my congressional district, the Jefferson Center, a Sarasota, Florida, non-profit that provides housing to senior citizens with low to moderate income, is celebrating Older Americans Month with a variety of special events to recognize the achievements of their residents and encourage them to continue to share their knowledge with their family, friends, and neighbors.

I appreciate this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of older Americans in Florida's 16th District and applaud the Jefferson Center for their efforts to enhance the quality of life of their residents and encourage them to share their lifetime of experience with those around them.

RECOGNIZING FORMER SECOND
GRADE TEACHER, MRS. NINFA
TREVIÑO PIÑA

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize former Second Grade Teacher, Mrs. Ninfa Treviño Peña, in honor of her contributions to the South Texas region. On May 8, 2013, Mrs. Peña celebrates her 100th birthday and a lifetime of achievements as an educator.

Mrs. Peña was born May 8, 1913, to father Manuel and mother Procora Izaguirre Treviño. The youngest of five sisters, Ninfa attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville, Texas where she earned her degree in Education. Upon receiving her degree she began her career as an educator. Throughout her career, Mrs. Peña became known for her work as a second grade teacher at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School and her dedication to assisting students with special needs.

In 1937, Ninfa married Ernesto Peña Flores of Mission, Texas; and in 1987, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary alongside their friends and family. Though Mr. Peña Flores has passed, Mrs. Peña continues to be a great influence in promoting strong family values. Reaching three generations, the Peña family has been honored as one of the original pioneer families of Mission, Texas. She has witnessed the lives of her six children, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Peña continues to live in Mission and remains a passionate supporter of education.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have had the opportunity to recognize the remarkable life of Mrs. Ninfa Treviño Peña and her 100th birthday celebration. Thank you.

A MASTER'S HANDS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Michelle and Jim Bartlett and their company, A Master's Hands, for receiving the Golden Rotary Ethics in Business award.

A Master's Hands adheres to high standards of business ethics and employs ethical behavior as a philosophy in daily business.

Co-founder Jim Bartlett is the principal source behind this philosophy and serves as a role model for the employee's at A Master's Hands. Leading by example from the top is demonstrated through commitment to hard work and excellence in everything they do.

Giving back to the community is something Michelle and Jim strive to achieve. Working with Jeffco Workforce Center and Jefferson County Human Services, A Master's Hands offers job skills trainings to help individuals find employment. The company has been known to do pro-bono work for families and provide discounts to others who needed their help, all of which has made a lasting impact in the neighborhoods in which they work.

I am honored to congratulate Michelle and Jim Bartlett and A Master's Hands for their commitment to outstanding ethics in business and receiving this very deserved award.

HONORING COACH PAUL PATTERSON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Coach Paul Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Coach Patterson has led the Taylor University Men's Basketball team for an incredible 34 years. In that time, he's recorded 734 victories and an astonishing 28 winning seasons.

As he finishes his illustrious career, Coach Patterson is ranked eleventh all-time among men's collegiate basketball coaches in wins, and has won more games than any other collegiate head coach in Indiana's history. Given the Hoosier state's tremendous basketball legacy, Coach Patterson's accomplishment is all the more impressive.

Coach Patterson has not only won games, but also helped form young men who are champions both on and off the court. He has been recognized as the Coach-of-the-Year twelve times, and 24 of his players have been named to the prestigious NAIA All-American team. This outstanding accomplishment is a reflection of the quality and character of Coach Patterson's players as well as his exceptional talent as a coach and mentor. As the daughter of a high school football coach, I understand the time commitment and personal sacrifices required to lead young athletes to victory, and applaud Coach Patterson's years of leadership.

On behalf of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District, I congratulate Coach Patterson on the occasion of his retirement. Thank you, Coach, for your 34 years of dedicated leadership with Taylor University. Best wishes to you as you pursue new challenges in the many bright years ahead of you.

A TRIBUTE TO JACQUELYN BAMBERSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Jacquelyn Bamberski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Jacquelyn are able to make higher education possible.

Jacquelyn's father, Joseph Bamberski, works in the Delivery Department of Canada Dry. I greatly admire Jacquelyn's hard work at

Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study biology. With her work ethic, I am sure Jacquelyn will achieve her dream of getting her Physical Therapy Doctorate.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Jacquelyn Bamberski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, April 26, 2013, I was unable to be present for recorded votes. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 125 (on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1765); "no" on rollcall vote No. 126 (on agreeing to the Dent Amendment Number 2 to H.R. 527); "yes" on rollcall vote No. 127 (on the motion to recommit H.R. 527 with instructions); and "yes" on rollcall vote No. 128 (on passage of H.R. 527).

HONORING MAUDELL SHIREK

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of the Honorable Maudelle Shirek, former City of Berkeley vice mayor and eight-term council member. Known throughout our community as the "godmother of East Bay progressive politics," and the "conscience of the Council," Ms. Shirek has left an indelible mark. With her passing on April 11, 2013, we look to the outstanding quality of her life's work and the inspiring role she played in shaping social change here in the East Bay and throughout the world.

Born on June 18, 1911 Maudelle Miller was raised on a farm in Jefferson, Arkansas. The granddaughter of slaves, she was fundamentally passionate about challenging injustice and championing civil rights. After moving to Berkeley in the 1940s, she became active in fighting for the anti-war movement, the integration of the military, and fair housing. She married political activist Brownlee Shirek in the mid-1960s.

Renowned for her powerful voice and contagious energy, Ms. Shirek broke racial barriers and flexed her leadership at the Berkeley Consumers Co-op Credit Union to secure loans for low-income borrowers and people of color. She fought on behalf of unions, helped organize the Free Mandela Movement, and advocated for HIV/AIDS awareness. She was also the first elected official in the United States to advocate for needle-exchange programs, and was not afraid to chain herself to a building or be hand-cuffed in the name of activism.

During her long tenure as a council member, Berkeley became the first city to divest in companies doing business with South Africa

during Apartheid and the first city to provide domestic benefits to same sex partners. She was instrumental in creating multiple city commissions, including the Berkeley Commission on Labor. When she retired at 92, Councilmember Shirek was the oldest elected official in California at the time and, in 2007, the Berkeley City Council renamed City Hall in her honor.

Above all, Maudelle Shirek was a consummate advocate for the poor, often visiting families in crisis or offering food and household assistance to ailing seniors. Additionally, her advocacy on behalf of youth music programs helped raise crucial public funding to support arts programs for children and older adults.

On a personal note, Maudelle was a friend, mentor, and confidante. I met her in the early 1970s while I was a student at Mills College. She widened my perspective on global politics during our travels around the world including Vienna, Prague, Cuba, and the former Czechoslovakia. She reinforced the idea that we are all part of a global family and that what happens here in the United States affects our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world and vice versa. Moreover, her wise guidance as a lifelong health aficionado helped educate seniors and the entire community regarding the benefits of healthy living and natural remedies. She loved shopping for fresh fruits and vegetables and you would often find her cooking nutritious meals at the West Berkeley Senior Center and New Light Senior Center, which she helped found.

Maudelle was also a woman of great faith whose passion for service and justice was driven by a commitment to what she called, "doing the Lord's work on earth." We enjoyed attending the Church for Today together during the 1970s, and I will never forget the day she introduced me to the late Rev. Dr. W. Hazaiah Williams. The impact that they both had on my life is profound. I will also never forget how Maudelle traveled all the way to Washington, DC to look out for me and offer her support after my lone vote back in 2001.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors an outstanding individual and a stalwart community leader, the Honorable Maudelle Shirek. Her bold legacy of service, spanning over seven decades, will continue to inspire many to speak for the voiceless and to stand up for justice across the globe. I join all of Maudelle's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life and her love of humanity. Her warm and beautiful smile will continue to smile down on us. She will be deeply missed.

IN TRIBUTE TO DR. GRACE JONES

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Grace Jones on her retirement as President of Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Connecticut. Dr. Jones' exemplary work and dedication to eastern Connecticut's students and her community has contributed greatly to the educational development of our region.

Dr. Jones began her career as a high school physical education and science instructor in Chicago, Illinois. She advanced to higher

education in the 1970s, continuing her career as a teacher at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. During her decade of service at Berkshire, she served as a member of the faculty, coordinator of the recreational leadership program, coordinator of student activities, and director of personnel services. Her gifts for university leadership took her to new heights in 1990 when she was named tenured professor and Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at SUNY Oneonta. Soon afterward, Dr. Jones became president of College of Eastern Utah in Price, Utah, before being named President of Three Rivers Community College in 2001.

As President, Dr. Jones balanced her extensive administrative duties with a commitment to remaining visible to her students across campus. A key initiative for Dr. Jones was designing open spaces on campus for students to congregate. She was instrumental in securing funding and overseeing the construction and renovation for the college's new campus. Dr. Jones has also sought to contribute to the region's workforce by continuing to administer professional programs, including those for nursing, manufacturing technology, and hospital management. This ground breaking work—tying Three Rivers curricula to the region's workforce needs—is a model that has been embraced in Washington, D.C. and all across the country as a solution to filling the "skills gap" that has hindered economic growth. Under Dr. Jones's presidency, enrollment at the college has grown to 5,150 full and part-time students and an additional 2,000 non-credit enrollees.

A distinguished member of the educational community, Dr. Jones has been recognized by numerous outlets for her extensive achievements. In 2009, she received the Palmer Davies award from the United Community and Family Services of Connecticut, honoring her commitment to fostering an environment of community spirit and understanding. During that year, Dr. Jones was also recognized by the Connecticut State Conference of the NAACP. In 2012, Dr. Jones was named 62nd Citizen of the Year by the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Grace Jones's contributions as an educator, administrator, and community leader have encouraged generations of students to attain high levels of achievement and contribute to their communities and the economy in a positive way. Across the United States and here in eastern Connecticut, countless students have benefited from Grace's hard work and dedication to her craft. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of Dr. Grace Jones.

THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CAREER DAY OF THE PONTIAC ROTARY CLUB

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, as a former Rotarian, I rise today to recognize the Pontiac Rotary Club as it hosts its twenty-sixth annual Career Day for youth in Pontiac, Michigan.

Founded in 1922, the Pontiac Rotary Club has been serving the residents of the Greater

Pontiac community for over nine decades. The core of its mission over the last ninety years has been to undertake endeavors that nurture and support the development of youth in the Pontiac community. In fulfillment of its mission, the Club has engaged a broad array of community stakeholders in public, private and non-profit organizations to create programs that provide youth with experiences that empower them to control their future.

One of Pontiac Rotary Club's biggest annual programs, Career Day, provides middle school students in Pontiac a hands on opportunity to learn more about the career fields that pique their interests. This year, as part of Career Day, one-hundred students will have spent the morning of Thursday, May 2, shadowing professionals in their daily work routine. This experience provides the youth of Pontiac an opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge that will shape their development into active adult members of their community.

Furthermore, on the same day as Career Day, the Pontiac Rotary will host its annual Scholarship Luncheon for high school students. During this luncheon, several high school students will have been recognized for their outstanding achievements and awarded a scholarship that will help them in their journey to seek higher education.

The programs of Career Day are just a couple of examples of the types of programming provided by the Pontiac Rotary Club. In addition, to Career Day and the Scholarship Luncheon, the Club runs a Student of the Month program for students in Pontiac schools which recognizes youth for outstanding achievements.

With an eye in their community and beyond, the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club have also supported the Rotary International's program to cure Polio around the world and taken up initiatives that support clean water projects. Recently, the Pontiac Rotary has partnered with a sister club in Ecuador to implement a bio-sand water filter project that will provide cleaner water to that region.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the members of the Pontiac Rotary Club on occasion of its twenty-sixth annual Career Day and applaud the tremendous impact their work has had both in the Greater Pontiac community and in other communities around the world.

RITA SCHNIDT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rita Schnidt for being honored by the Jefferson Center for Mental Health for her decades of outstanding service to our community.

Rita is a long time resident of Jefferson County and is a tireless and energetic volunteer for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. She is a former Jefferson Center Board member and chair of the Jefferson Mental Health Foundation. Her other accomplishments are numerous. Jeanne Oliver states "Combining her political savvy with her commitment to grass roots-level change, Rita remains a staunch advocate for battered women, low-income housing, those struggling

with mental illness and alcoholism, and others who don't have any other voice." Her friends describe her as "a force of nature", "the lady who knows how to get things done", "a dynamo of action!" and "always there when people need her."

I am honored to congratulate Rita Schnidt on receiving this well deserved recognition from the Jefferson Center for Mental Health. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same passion, dedication and character in all her future endeavors.

A TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR DONIA—
LOUIS P. MATTUCCI MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Taylor Donia, the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship. Over the past 37 years, the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million dollars to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Taylor are able to make higher education possible.

Taylor's father, Joseph Donia, is a truck driver for American B & D. I greatly admire Taylor's hard work at Seneca High School. With her work ethic, I am sure Taylor will achieve her dream of one day becoming a Physician's Assistant.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Taylor Donia and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become the 2013 award recipient of the Louis P. Mattucci Memorial Scholarship.

JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS RECEIVING THE HONORABLE PARK GEUN HYE, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, Congressman ISRAEL and I asked Speaker BOEHNER to invite President Park Geun Hye ("Gun Hay"), South Korea's first female president, to address a Joint Session of Congress.

Tomorrow, we officially welcome her here in this Chamber.

Her visit is important to both of our nations, but also to my district in Texas where a vibrant and engaged Korean American community lives in Spring Branch and Houston.

In stark contrast to its neighbor to the North led by media-hungry dictator, Junior,—South Korea shines as a beacon democracy and freedom.

S. Korea is also an important trading partner—America's 7th largest—and with the implementation of our Free Trade Agreement, our trade relations will only get better.

Tomorrow, we celebrate our friendship and partnership, or as President Park recently said: "the most successful alliance in history." I couldn't agree more.

America is here to help South Korea, as they are here to help us.

That's what friends do for each other.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. J. HERMAN BLAKE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. J. Herman Blake as we celebrate over forty five years of his contributions to higher education. Dr. Blake continues to be a celebrated educator, and we join together in praise of his remarkable academic and cultural contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Born John Herman Blake in Mount Vernon, New York on March 15, 1934, Dr. Blake grew up with six siblings and was raised by a single mother, Lylace E. Blake. Dr. Blake served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and furthered his education with the assistance of the G.I. Bill by graduating from New York University with a B.A. degree in sociology. Dr. Blake went on to receive his M.A. degree and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Blake's exemplary academic career has spanned over four decades as a professor, scholar and administrator at a wide array of institutions. He served an eighteen year tenure at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) where he became the first African American on faculty as the Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Blake also served as the founding Provost of Oakes College at UCSC. Following his tenure at UCSC, Dr. Blake went on to serve as President of Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

He has also held positions at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, Mills College in Oakland, California, served as the Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and served as the Director of African American Studies at Iowa State University. Dr. Blake retired from Iowa State University as Professor of Sociology-Emeritus and served most recently as Scholar in Residence and founding Director of the Sea Islands at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort. Currently, Dr. Blake is the Inaugural Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. Blake has focused on academic achievement of students from minority and/or low-wealth communities. His important work not only focuses on maximizing student achievement and closing disparate learning gaps between our young people, but also focuses on Gullah communities in South Carolina and Black militants in urban communities.

Dr. Blake has earned myriad accolades, including Iowa Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He has been awarded six honorary degrees and two presidential medals.

As a student at Mills College, I had the privilege to benefit from Dr. Blake's amazing intellect. Also, I worked with him as a researcher for his book, the autobiography of Huey P. Newton, Revolutionary Suicide. He taught me how to conduct and present thorough research and to this day, these skills I learned under Dr. Blake's tutelage have benefitted my work tremendously. Dr. Blake took me under his wings and encouraged me to study hard. He saw something in me that I did not see. He was patient and kind but he was determined to push my intellect and help me understand I could achieve the American dream regardless of the difficulties I faced as a young single mother on public assistance. For that, I am forever grateful.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. J. Herman Blake, I salute you. You have touched countless lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you continued success and happiness. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING TED WELCH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are citizens making up this great country who never cease in offering themselves to their communities while improving the quality of our lives. I rise today to celebrate the time, talents, and treasures of Ted Welch as he retires from decades of active philanthropy.

Ted Welch grew up in a one-room schoolhouse in Decatur County, Tennessee. He joined Southwestern Publishing Company as a student salesman and manager in 1953. During his tenure there, he served as Executive Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee. Working for Southwestern, selling books door-to-door, Ted exemplified the true value of hard work. Thankfully, that service did not stop with his tenure at Southwestern, nor after building a real estate empire. Ted served as a Deacon and Elder at Vice Street Christian Church, former board member of Lexington Theological Seminary, and as a part of the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Ted Welch has spent his life's work following his passions. As he worked to shape the direction of the country, he labored to shape the direction of the next generation of community leaders. Whether by selling Bibles or actively participating in democracy, it is no simple statement that more have encountered truth and freedom due to Ted Welch's work. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all Ted Welch has offered to the great state of Tennessee and our beloved country. We join with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren in offering our deepest gratitude for his life's work.

PHYLLIS REYNOLDS-HEBB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for her commitment to early childhood education.

Phyllis's story begins when she enrolled her daughter in New Child Montessori School in Arvada and realized the potential of the Montessori Method. She resigned from her job at the United States Geological Survey and went to work at the Montessori school.

In 1983, the opportunity to purchase the New Child Montessori School presented itself. Phyllis bought the school, renamed it Cornerstone Montessori School and eventually moved the school to the Applewood area. In January of 1997, Phyllis purchased the property at 15970 West 50th Avenue and renovations to the buildings began. Cornerstone Montessori School moved to its current location at the end of May 1997.

Phyllis continued growing the school and extending into the community with a Toddler Program in 2004 and expanded the Spanish Language Program in 2005. Cornerstone Montessori School currently provides dual language Montessori classrooms for preschool and kindergarten aged children. Cornerstone has come full circle with three people on staff who attended Cornerstone as preschoolers and several students who are children of former preschoolers and kindergartners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for thirty years of providing early childhood education to our future leaders. I have no doubt Phyllis will continue to provide adventure, learning and fun to all of her students.

WELCOMING THE NINTH HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its ninth and final flight to Washington, DC, on May 8, 2013. I am honored to insert this tribute in the RECORD on the anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the allies.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Nearly seven decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—

opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This final Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, the May 8, 2013, journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II. They collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices:

Bill Addis; Bill Audrain; George Baker; Joe Befay; Benny Bender; Jerry Bernhardt; Bill Bidez; K.E. Bray; Tommy Breedlove; Bern Brunegraff; George Bryan; Don Burch; Bob Campbell, Sr.; Homer F. Campbell, Sr.; Regie Carpenter; Giles Chapman, Jr.; Ted Christakos; Ed Clapper; John Coleman; Frank Coleman.

Bill Collins, Sr.; Emmett Cox; Jack Davis; John Dodd; Wyman Dupuis; Harry Ellegood; Bill Evers; Bob Ewer; Wes Ferrill; James Forte; William Fountain; Aubrey Fulford; Norm Garlotte; Joe Godwin; Red Guy; Sid Hamilton; John Hampton; Dean Hansen; J.C. Harris, Jr.; Vida Hartfield.

Dick Havron; Robert Hedgepeth; Morris Helms; Dorsey Henderson; Jim Hill; E.R. Holt; L.V. Horne; Dixie Howell; Joe Jones; Joseph Jones; Leon Jones; John Kane; Hilda Kay; Kuhlke Kuhlmann; Will Lambert, Sr.; Herb Law, Jr.; Bo Lewis, Jr.; John Littlepage; Edward Mahon; Ken Main.

Bob Maley; L.C. Malone; Fred Mason; Wild Bill Mathers, Sr.; Duke McCall; Chuck McDonald; Albert McFadden; John C. McFerrin; Nute McLain; Ralph McLaney; Bob McLeod; Mac McRae; Caylop Minchew; Sparks Morris; Maurice Neely; Don Nelson; Lewis Nichols; Jack Nolan, Sr.; Dick Nolte, Sr.; Don Palmer.

Gene Passmore; Bill Phillips; William Rentz; Win Ritchie; Don Roberts; Porter Roberts, Jr.; Jerry Ryals; Tom Shackelford; Herman Shaddix; Terry Shiver; Gene Sorik; Capt. Les Stinson; Steve Thames; Howard Walker, Jr.; Willie Wilson; Doc Wise; Dutch Yon; Marion Yonge; and Robert Johnson, Jr.

A TRIBUTE TO DUPONT PIONEER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate DuPont Pioneer, based in Johnston, Iowa, for being named a winner of the 2013 Patents for Humanity pilot program by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The Patents for Humanity competition awards patent owners

and licensees who address the world's most daunting humanitarian challenges in innovative ways.

DuPont Pioneer was selected for this prestigious award for its collaborative research and work to increase the nutritional value of sorghum for a growing African population that relies on the food crop as a dietary staple. While affordable and easy to grow in dry, fragile environments, sorghum is deficient in essential nutrients like amino acids, Vitamins A and E, iron, and zinc, and is difficult to digest when cooked. Working through the Africa Biofortified Sorghum Project, a public-private partner consortium, DuPont developed a more nutrient-rich strain of sorghum that is expected to combat malnourishment and benefit millions of Africans in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent DuPont Pioneer in the United States Congress as it continues to work to help feed the world. I commend the company on this tremendous breakthrough that will go to great lengths to improving food security in Africa, and I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating it on receiving this impressive recognition for its efforts.

FORT WOLTERS MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Wolters Gate Committee, the service members at Fort Wolters, and the community of Mineral Wells, Texas on the dedication of the Ft Wolters Medal of Honor Memorial. On March 23, 2013, they came together to help honor some of our nation's greatest men and ensure the legacy of their service will never be forgotten.

The Medal of Honor Memorial lies at the heart of the quiet Fort Wolters Historical Park near the main entrance of Fort Wolters. This memorial is composed of stone columns with the fourteen names of the Medal of Honor recipients who trained at Wolters inscribed upon them. These inscriptions tell the stories of men who found themselves in defining moments and responded exceptionally. The following names are those who passed through Wolters as part of their journey to those moments:

1st LT Charles L. Thomas; Birmingham, AL.; 1st Lt Eli L. Whitely; Georgetown, TX; 2nd Lt Audie L. Murphy; Kingston, TX; 1st Lt Jack L. Knight; Garner, TX; SSG Edward A. Carter, Jr.; Los Angeles, CA; 1st Lt Vernon Baker; Cheyenne, WY; 1st Lt James M. Sprayberry; LaGrange, GA; CWO Michael J. Novosel; Etna, PA; MAJ Patrick H. (Pat) Brady; Philip, SD; CWO Frederick E. Ferguson; Pilot Point, TX; CPT Jon E. Swanson; Boulder, CO; MAJ William E. Adams; Casper, WY; CPT Ed (Too Tall) Freeman; Neely, MS; SSG Joe R. Hooper; Louisville, KY.

These fourteen men came from different eras, regions, and backgrounds, but are all connected through a common story. Their stories of duty, honor, sacrifice, and love represent an important part of the American story.

The love of their country and their families brought them to Mineral Wells, but the love for their brothers in arms drove their momentous

actions. When these men met their defining moments they acted with valor and courage and have been recognized with the nation's highest military award: the Medal of Honor.

We are blessed to live in a country with individuals like the ones honored here. Their actions embody our nation's greatest ideals. They proceeded without hesitation to put their country's needs, and more importantly, the lives of the men around them, before their own. We remember them for their meritorious acts of courage and heroism, even though they knew it could cost them their lives.

The memorial in Fort Wolters Historical Park will serve to inspire and teach future generations of duty, honor, and sacrifice. It will serve the families that loved these men as a place to remember their stories and celebrate their lives and achievements.

Again, I would like to thank the volunteers and people of Mineral Wells who worked tirelessly to build this memorial and our veterans and service members whom we owe a debt that can never be repaid.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2013

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2013, to subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal workplace laws and standards that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. In a similar vein, a few weeks ago, I introduced the Member of Congress Pay Sequestration and Fairness Act, which would subject the pay of members of the House and Senate to any future sequestration, or automatic, across-the-board spending cuts. While members of Congress may differ on the merits of sequestration, once Congress passes laws, members should abide by the laws we impose on the American people and American businesses. That was the promise Congress made when we passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable to its employees, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections.

The Congress Leads by Example Act of 2013 is a necessary follow up bill to my 2010 investigation of staff complaints at the Capitol Visitor Center

(CVC) and to the recommendations from the Office of Compliance (OOC), which found a gap in OOC's authority to enforce the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) provisions against the legislative branch. In the 111th Congress, as chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, I held a hearing examining claims by OOC, which was created by the CAA, of an

estimated 6,300 safety hazards in the U.S. Capitol complex, as well as complaints by CVC tour guides that they were compelled to work in uniforms that were inappropriate for outdoor work in the summer and winter and that there were limits placed on their water consumption. Our hearing demonstrated that many of the serious safety hazards in the Capitol complex had been resolved, and the Architect of the Capitol assured us that it continues to correct the outstanding hazards with due speed. Eventually, the formation of a union local by CVC tour guides led to specific improvements in uniform and water consumption practices and policies.

However, in a 2010 report entitled *Recommendations for Improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act*, OOC identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch, including laws that grant the OOC General Counsel subpoena power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. In OOC's 2011 report entitled *State of the Congressional Workplace*, it presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2010. My bill takes into account the OOC reports, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress and Capitol Hill employees by bringing the legislative branch substantially in line with what is legally required of private sector employers and the executive branch.

As Congress searches for ways to trim the federal budget, it would be timely to provide whistleblower protections to legislative branch employees so that they can report misuse of federal funds and other legal violations without fear of retaliation. My bill provides general whistleblower protections, also championed by Senators CHUCK GRASSLEY and CLAIRE McCASKILL. My bill also makes applicable additional OSHA provisions to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations, and requiring the posting of notices in workplaces detailing employee rights to a safe workplace under OSHA.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. The bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Adding the CCPA and bankruptcy provisions will deter economic discrimination, while the notice and training provisions will empower legislative branch employees with the full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, the bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws. The enhanced recordkeeping requirements will facilitate better enforcement of laws.

On the eve of the CAA's passage in 1995, then-Senator Olympia Snowe may have best captured the intent of Congress and the will of the people when she remarked, "Congress simply cannot continue to live above the law and call itself a body that is representative of the America we live in today. After all, what kind of message does Congress send to Americans when it sets itself above the law? What kind of message does Congress send to America when it believes it is beholden to different standards? And how can Congress claim to pass laws in the best interest of the American people if Congress refuses to abide by those very same laws. . . . Congress should be the very last institution in America to exempt itself from living under the nation's laws." By passing this bill and heeding this wise call to action, Congress will help restore the faith of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL
GINDHART—TEAMSTERS LOCAL
830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Daniel Gindhart, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Daniel are able to make higher education possible.

Daniel's father, Daniel Gindhart Sr., works in the Warehouse Department of PBC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Daniel's hard work at Triton Regional High School and his aspirations to study accounting. With his work ethic, I am sure Daniel will achieve his dream of one day becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Daniel Gindhart and his commitment to his community and studies that enabled him to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

A TRIBUTE TO KATELYN
CINNAMON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 18-year-old Katelyn Cinnamon of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, who has been named the state's top high school youth volunteer for 2013 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, 345,000 American youths have participated in this program, with only 102 state honorees chosen each year.

Katelyn's path to this prestigious award began with a stroke of inspiration while helping at the Blank Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. After witnessing the courage and strength of the patients up-close, she wanted to take her volunteerism to the next level. She set out to raise \$10,000 to buy six tablet computers for the clinic and pay for an annual oncology camp at which patients could enjoy typical camp activities. She also collects fleece tie blankets for the Children's Cancer Connection in Des Moines. With the help of a friend and networking in the community, she has achieved almost half of her fundraising goal and has delivered the tablet computers to the clinic.

As a state honoree, Katelyn received a \$1,000 prize, an engraved silver medallion, and was recently recognized at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in our nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Miss Cinnamon for her sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in her community and beyond. Katelyn's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Katelyn, and it is an honor to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Katelyn, thanking her supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.

NATIONAL TEACHER
APPRECIATION DAY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding teachers of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties on National Teacher Appreciation Day.

This day gives us an opportunity to thank teachers for the incredible work that they do for our children and communities. Teachers help form the backbone of our nation, assisting children in harnessing their creativity and critical thinking skills to grow up into the next great American generation.

Today serves as a reminder that we must continue to invest in our nation's teachers, children and schools. As a proud mother of three students in Broward County public schools, I know firsthand the excellence our teachers bring to the classroom each day. Their patience and encouragement are shaping tomorrow's leaders and ensuring that America remains competitive, innovative, and prosperous.

If you talk to any educator, they will tell you that teaching is demanding. Teachers work long hours and are expected not only to impart certain knowledge, but also instill a love of learning in their students. They have made a conscious career decision to make a difference in the lives of our children.

As a Member of Congress for Florida's 23rd Congressional District, I am committed to supporting Broward and Miami-Dade educators and their peers across the country. Unfortunately, teachers don't always receive the recognition or resources they deserve. As policy makers, we must ensure that our teachers have the tools, resources and support they need. When we do this, we not only invest in these dedicated professionals, but we also invest in our children and their futures.

As a parent, let me say thank you to all teachers for devoting your time and skills to our children. We are grateful for all that you do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 129 on H.R. 588, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 130 on H.R. 291, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 131 on H.R. 507, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

NATIONAL TEACHER'S APPRECIATION DAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on National Teacher's Appreciation Day, to recognize and honor the teachers of America. Year in and year out, they dedicate their lives to educating our children and helping them to succeed both in and out of the classroom. They not only teach us to read and write, but for many of us, it is a teacher who first shows

us that we can achieve whatever we put our minds to; they tell us that anything is possible, that it is okay to dream. The confidence and curiosity that teachers instill in their students are just as important as the traditional subjects they teach; it is these life lessons that will resonate with our children well into adulthood.

In my own experience, the teacher who brought these truths home to me was Mr. Gowenlock. Mr. Gowenlock was my high school geometry teacher as well as one of my football coaches. He made sure I knew that I had the ability to be a great man, and the only thing that would get in the way was my own doubt. He was one of the first to fully believe in me, and that is a gift that has made it possible for me to be where I am today.

I hope that students and parents everywhere will join with me in recognizing the importance and value of good teachers. Without them, America would not be the beacon of hope that it is today. We owe them our gratitude and our respect. I have fought for teachers in the past, with legislation such as the Teacher Tax Relief Act, and I will continue to fight for them. Teachers must have the tools and support they need to ensure our children receive the best education possible for they will be the ones shaping the future of this great nation. Thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO BRANDI ZIEMINSKI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RE- CIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Brandi Zieminski, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Brandi are able to make higher education possible.

Brandi's father, Theodore Zieminski, works in the Facilities Department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Brandi's hard work at Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study secondary education. With her work ethic, I am sure Brandi will achieve her dream of one day becoming a high school teacher.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Brandi Zieminski and her commitment to her community and studies that enabled her to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

HONORING CANCER SURVIVOR BEAUTY AND SUPPORT DAY AND BARBARA PAGET

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Paget and her extraordinary work establishing in 2003 Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day (CSBSD). This extraordinary endeavor for the past ten years has brought support and kindness to countless men, women and children cancer survivors.

Barbara is a remarkable woman, dedicated to brightening the lives of cancer survivors across the country. In conceiving and launching CSBSD, Barbara has united full communities across the country in support for their friends and neighbors.

Taking place the first Tuesday of June each year, CSBSD provides cancer survivors in all 50 states with the opportunity to enjoy a day of complimentary services at salons, spas, barber shops and beauty parlors. Barbara has worked tirelessly to expand CSBSD, and she has succeeded tremendously, expanding the initiative each year and receiving previous recognition in Congress.

The beauty of the day, as Barbara would put it, is the support that it gives. CSBSD does not require any money—the day is all about volunteering. Participants donate only their time, services and kindness. The helping, caring hand of a volunteer on CSBSD and the one-on-one connection it fosters are incredibly powerful forces for cancer survivor and service provider alike.

Barbara has more than 1,000 places celebrating CSBSD in all 50 states, working to reach out to as many of the more than 12 million cancer survivors as possible—offering a supportive, fun and rewarding day.

Cancer affects so many of us, our friends and family. We have seen the toll it takes. Barbara has seen it too, and that is why she stepped up and decided to take action. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Barbara Paget and Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day for all the good they do.

HONORING EUGENE DAVID ZOLLER

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teacher Mr. Eugene David Zoller who is retiring this year after 47 years in public and private school classrooms as an exemplary and inspirational teacher of Social Studies. Eugene Zoller attributes his calling as a teacher to the influence of his mother Dorothea Donahue Zoller, his aunt Josephine Donahue, and his Grade 8 teacher, Sr. Joan Bernadette Davis, a sister of Notre Dame de Namur.

He started his teaching career in the Massachusetts public schools and continued his teaching in 1985, until his retirement in 2013, at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in Miami, Florida, which I am proud to proclaim as my high school alma mater.

In 28 years at Belen Jesuit, Mr. Zoller has been the lead Teacher of Civics and Honors Civics, Faculty Advisor of the National Junior Honor Society, Director of the Patriot Program, Organizer of the Miami-Dade County Court and Jail tour, Chaperone of the Overseas Study Program trip to Russia, Chaperone of the Close Up program, Supervisor of the daily posting of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald in the Central Patio, and honored by Nova Southeastern University with the Cervantes Award and Univision as a Maestro Especial. Mr. Zoller immortalized the Pan con Lechon Booth at the Belen Tombola dedicated to raising money for the school's scholarship program.

With honor, unwavering commitment, and love of country, Mr. Zoller has nurtured in his students a fervent patriotism for the United States of America. The Belen Jesuit community of students, parents, teachers, and alumni consider Mr. Zoller one of the pillars of our school and I eagerly add my name to the legions that admire and appreciate his service to God, Country, and Belen Jesuit Preparatory School.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, due to an interruption in my travel to Washington, DC, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on three bills considered under suspension of the rules. I wish the record to reflect my intentions had I been able to vote.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 129, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 130, I would have voted "yea."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 131, I would have voted "yea."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE KENTUCKY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the nearly 900,000 law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky who put their lives on the line every day for the safety and protection of others.

Today, the Kentucky Law Enforcement Memorial Service was held in observance of those who have given their all in our Commonwealth. The event was hosted at the nationally recognized Department of Criminal Justice Training Center on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky.

The protection of our families can come with a heavy price. Over the last decade, an average of 160 Kentucky law enforcement officers per year have been killed in the line of duty.

I am saddened that I was unable to attend today's service in Kentucky due to votes in Washington. I will, however, continue to honor

the sacrifices of officers such as the most recent officer killed in the line of duty in Kentucky, Officer Bryan Joseph Durman of Lexington.

Officer Durman, and other heroes like him, will not be forgotten and will always remind us of the ultimate sacrifices that our Law Enforcement Officers make every day. We remember them, and their families, each and every day.

CONGRATULATING THE CREEKSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL TEAM

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Creekside Middle School in Carmel, Indiana in celebration of the team of students who placed first in the National Science Bowl, sponsored by the United States Department of Energy.

The National Science Bowl is an annual competition designed to encourage the best of our nation's young students to develop an interest in science and mathematics and to make contributions in those fields. It is a competition that promotes discovery, innovation, hard work and a commitment to a better tomorrow.

For all of these reasons and many more, I am so proud that a team from Indiana's 5th District won the national championship. It is a wonderful display of the best of Indiana's young minds. Over 5,000 middle school students from 1,023 teams across the country participated in this event, making Creekside's win all the more impressive.

As a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, I also want to acknowledge how important it is to our nation's future to encourage and raise a new generation of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—STEM—leaders. For America to maintain its competitive edge in our global marketplace, we must pursue STEM excellence with a sense of urgency and passion.

Students like those at Creekside give me hope that we'll accomplish this vital mission. Their outstanding work is an inspiration to students, educators and parents across the nation. Once again, congratulations Creekside, I am very proud of you.

A TRIBUTE TO RICHY MASCIARELLI—TEAMSTERS LOCAL 830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Richy Masciarelli, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of

these members, students like Richy are able to make higher education possible.

Richy's father, Richard Masciarelli, works in the Maintenance Department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. I greatly admire Colin's hard work at Pottstown High School and his aspirations to study business management and health & occupation. With his work ethic, I am sure Richy will be successful in whatever career he chooses.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Richy Masciarelli and his commitment to his community and studies that enabled him to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

A TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA DILOCKER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 13-year-old Samantha Dilocker of Red Oak, Iowa, who has been named the state's top middle school youth volunteer for 2013 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, 345,000 American youths have participated in this program, with only 102 state honorees chosen each year.

Samantha's path to this prestigious award began in 2006 when she received the troubling news that her mother's employer would be closing its doors resulting in lost jobs not just at home, but across her community. Equipped with the determination to help her neighbors, Samantha began to establish an auction for baked goods at her local Elks Lodge by soliciting donations, creating advertising posters and signs, and working hands-on to run the auction. Samantha's first auction raised more than \$1,000 and left no doubt in her mind that her work would continue. Now, her annual craft and baked goods auctions have raised more than \$22,000 over the past seven years for a local food pantry, a community toy drive, a scholarship fund, and even provided assistance for a family whose young boy was diagnosed with cancer.

As a state honoree, Samantha received a \$1,000 prize, an engraved silver medallion, and was recently recognized at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in our nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Miss Dilocker for her sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in her community and beyond. Samantha's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Samantha, and it

is an honor to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Samantha, thanking her supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.